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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director  
for Planning and Development

THRU : Deputy Director, DPS/DCI *[Signature]*  
SUBJECT : Photographic Coverage, Project CHALICE  
REFERENCE : CHAL-0168, dated 24 June 1958

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1. On 29 August 1958, Mission 4087 was launched from  to obtain photographic coverage of areas adjacent to the northern boundary of Iran. This mission was in response to a request from General McClelland for coverage of certain potential forward ELINT sites.

2. Upon receipt of the film from Mission 4087 at HTAUTOMAT, General McClelland's representatives viewed the film and apparently were well satisfied with results. However, there are several areas, far out on the obliques, where larger scale photography is desired; there are also two new areas (not covered on 4087) where initial coverage is desired.

3. Arrangements have been made to convene a meeting of Project Operations, HTAUTOMAT and General McClelland's representatives to discuss additional requirements. It appears that requirements for both new coverage and recoverage (at larger scale) can be accomplished with the "B" camera without involving an overflight of denied areas.

4. A second issue covered in your memo (CHAL-0168) involved coverage of the Komandorsky Islands to satisfy an OSI requirement. This requirement was discussed with the ARC Committee members prior to conduct of the last Kamchatka mission with a view of including this coverage. At the time, there was not sufficient interest expressed to warrant inclusion of this requirement considering effect on range, radar pickup, etc. Due to the long period of time which has elapsed since this requirement was first expressed, the request is being referred back to the ARC for reappraisal. If the requirement still exists for this information the Komandorsky coverage will be obtained at first opportunity—probably in conjunction with a ferry flight.

5. I will keep you informed of developments concerning both subject requirements.

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Colonel, USAF  
Director of Operations

cc: Chm ARC (Reber)  
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